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## GLENN MILLER HONORS F. T. C. WITH SONG

Glen Miller, dean of the swing world, last night dedicated a number to Fitchburg Teachers College. This is a most unique honor and probably one of the most significant bits of publicity this college has received to date.

This feat was brought about by the combined efforts of Joe Riley and some of the Sophomore Industrial Arts students. For a week, a petition was circulated and was signed by practically every member of the student body.

A new petition will soon be started. It will go to Fred Waring. Mr. Waring has been singing college Alma Maters and writing fight songs for various colleges as a feature of his program. Fitchburg is desirous to have the honor of having their College recognized.

## ALUMNI PLEDGE NEW GYM FOR F. T. C.

"To us in the student body, the new gym seems like a vague dream, but these alumni members are busy formulating plans that would help this dream to materialize," said Robert Patch, president of the student cooperative. He attended the first Alumni Council meeting with the senior class president, Ralph Gray, on last Saturday.

Forty-four representatives, one

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## Sophomore Sport Dance in College Library Tonight at 8:00



Dick Kitchen

## PRESS CONFERENCE HERE NOVEMBER 10

The semi-annual conference of the Association of Massachusetts Teachers College Publications will be held at Fitchburg on Monday, November 10. As yet plans are incomplete, but they call for a speaker, business meeting, a tour through the print shop, a dinner and a social affair in the evening.

Helene Hill, associate editor

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## MARBLE ORCHARD DECORATIONS FEATURE

The class of '44 cordially extends its hearteous welcome to all F. T. C. students and faculty to meet with them at the Marble Orchard tonight. The library is to be the location of this never forgettable Marble Orchard setting. This social function of the year will not only lure the present members of our school but will also attract many alumni.

Thad Bell's orchestra has been selected to play the music you like the way you like it. The orchestra will present many special features.

The class wishes to urge respect for the decorations and lighting equipment because much of it has been borrowed and no class can stand undue expense.

A special entertainment has been arranged—something entirely new to the annual attraction. Its everlasting pleasure will be memorable to you as one of the outstanding features of the dance.

Tonight is the night to meet us at the Marble Orchard to make new friendships, keep the ones we have, and renew old ones. Let's all have the unforgettable fun and enjoyment that is waiting for us in the college library tonight from 8:00 to 11:30 p.m.



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## Editorial . .

### TRUE SCHOOL SPIRIT

Our class meetings lack 100 per cent attendance. We find some students making excuses so as not to attend their club meetings. Others, very carelessly, come to their club meetings five or ten minutes late. As shown by the small attendance at the soccer game Friday, our interest in our sport activities is very poor. We are not giving our full loyal support to our extra-curricula activities.

Belonging to four or five clubs, some students claim that they are loyal cooperative members. Really, how can they honestly say that. It is a difficult task to contribute just cooperation to each one of those clubs and give justifiable attention to your school work.

We also have a group, but here we must let our voice fall for they do not belong to any of the organizations.

We should feel it our responsibility to become a member of at least one of the extra-curricula organizations. We should not try to be a member of them all, but we should feel deeply our responsibility to accept and support the work of all organizations in our school.

THIS IS TRUE SCHOOL SPIRIT.

## What Have You!!

### WOES OF AN F. T. C. STUDENT

Life at college begins with "Sir" and a green bow,  
And we are called the "Lowest of the Low";  
A Freshman.

Although the bows and sirs are gone,  
We still look tired, sad, and worn  
For with a year to prove ourselves,  
Our efforts are placed up on the shelves;  
But thru "porking", we did our every chore,  
And now find ourselves a Sophomore.

We try to use what we've learned,  
But find all our efforts spurned,  
For we who "were too green to burn",  
Think we know all there is to learn.  
With very little yet to show,  
Since two years have come and gone  
And knowledge was just begun to spawn

We vow to make our Junior year  
One of study, devoid of cheer;  
We toe the mark scholastically,  
And gaze on the Sophs frowningly.  
To make lesson plans we vainly try  
As into training we do or die;  
But gone is the worry and fear  
For now we face our Senior year.  
This, we find, no "bed of roses"  
As often one supposes,  
Instead, one is granted interviews,  
And wishes he were in another's shoes.  
But now this is all gone by  
As our hopes are scaring high,  
Since we have learned our lesson,  
And are now entering our chosen profession.

Jack O'Neil

### NEW PRINT SHOP RULING

A new rule has just been placed in effect in the college print shop whereby no student will be permitted to compose or print jobs of their own without the expressed consent of the instructor. Any student found working on unauthorized jobs will be expelled from the shop.

This ruling is the direct result of abuses of the freedoms previously granted, plus the necessity of keeping type and processes in readiness for official production jobs.

## Campus Chatter

### SWEET MUSIC

May we add our thanks to Mr. Glen Miller and his swell band for the really "solid" dedication played for us on last Thursday's program. Congrats to Joe Riley. On to Fred Waring!

### OPINIONS

The unanimous opinion of the Freshman girls as expressed by the upperclassmen seems to be "Yum-Yum".

The unanimous opinion of the Freshman men by the upper-class women seems to be "They'll do".

### NEWS FROM THE I. Q. SHOP

Nelson Wood has changed his mind, he is building a sailboat in place of his originally planned "hope chest". Keep trying Jane, maybe he will go back to the original production.

### WILL POWER

A real test of will power: To be able to drink a coke in Ye Olde Spa and not read a funny book.

### PROF. MCTWEED—EXPERT

The Stick is going to start a new column called Prof. McTweed—Expert on everthing. If you have any question about school, town, amour, etc., we will try to answer it for you. Just write your question on a piece of paper and leave it in box 64.

### HERE AND THERE

Ed Ruby has a new "position"; he is "credit manager" for a town store. More fun being on the other end isn't it?

Man of the hour: The Soph who has his homework done for today.

Heel of the hour: Those people, members of other classes, who will say tonight, "Our dance was a hundred times better than

## F. T. C. SOCCER TEAM OUT FOR VICTORY

This afternoon at three o'clock, the F. T. C. Soccer team takes on American International College on Coolidge Field. The boys hope to make it two straight. A capacity crowd is expected.

## F. T. C. WINS OVER SPRINGFIELD J. V. TEAM

Showing flashes of winning soccer in a furious third quarter, and taking advantage of all opportunities with the ball deep in enemy territory, Fitchburg cashed in on two of its three or four scoring chances to take over a rugged but outmaneuvered Springfield J. V. soccer team.

After playing a fast scoreless first half in which neither team had any real scoring chances, Fitchburg took the lead early in the third period on a high fast kick by Jim Amsler from about twenty feet from the goal. It was a well-placed boot from right in front of the goal.

About five minutes later, Jesse James placed an ace right in the upper right hand corner from

this" when they know in their hearts that it only was about fifty times better.

## F. T. C. CAMPUS BOMBED

On Tuesday evening October 14, 1941 at 6:01 P. M. while students were enjoying a hearty meal in Palmer Hall a bomb fell on Pearl Street. The entire front campus, spa, and side of Palmer Hall felt the effects of the blast. A huge crater was dug in the street. Traffic was rerouted by Boy Scouts to Rindge Road. The Red Cross arrived four minutes after the explosion and took nine casualties to the Burbank Hospital in an emergency ambulance manned by volunteers. We should be very thankful that it was only a part of the war maneuvers.

## Sportscope

Our soccer team has won its first game without the full support of the student body which was needed. The members of the team give up many hours that might be more profitably used in the way of study to practice. Let us show our appreciation by going to the game this afternoon in larger numbers.

The game last week from a player's point of view could have been improved upon. The first two periods featured two much enthusiasm on the part of our boys; so much so, they were missing all their chances. In the third period, however, the team hit its stride; it was here that Amsler and James came through with the two goals. Teamwork, good blocking, and good kicking were the outstanding features of this quarter.

The game today should prove whether we have a good team or just a so-so team. A. I. C. has a very strong and smart club and will prove a tough team to beat. However, Fitchburg can win if they can consistently show the form used in the third quarter of last week's game.

about ten feet out.

In the scoreless first half, with both teams showing their defensive skills, Rocky Sullivan, Jim Amsler, Dick Kitchen, Wally Cunningham, and Al Shinner provided the good plays, color, and finesse.

Although the starting front line didn't score at all, its passing and team work was well executed. Dick Bejune, Bill Konsavage, and Dick Finn were booting accurately and consistently. Art Russell did an outstanding job in the nets, taking good care of the few boots, Sullivan let get behind him.



## Orange and White

The hockey team has been under the severest conditions. If the girls can carry on a practice although a football game is in progress on the other side of the field, just think what the girls would do if they had a whole field to themselves.

Thanks to Mr. Samko, there is a man who is trying to support W. A. A. sports. He tried to fulfill the hockey quota by offering players. But, say Mr. Samko, in some states they call it forgery.

Lil Seczik, last year's W. A. A. president, can be found coaching field hockey at Marshall field in Lunenburg. In addition to her teaching duties, Lil still has time for sports to put her sport knowledge to good advantage. Lil's coaching will put the O. K. stamp on any prospective freshman from Lunenburg.

Last Friday, Marylin MacLean refereed a hockey game between Gardner High and Lunenburg High. Marylin, the W. A. A. hockey coach, is looking forward to gaining her official status as a sports official. Did you know that anyone may take a test for qualification as a sports official? So brush up on your rules and your technique and try your luck. A teacher with an official standing in any sport can be of utmost value in any school. A teacher's value rises with her accomplishments. Good luck!

### PROFESSOR QUIZ ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

The assembly on October 28 is to be a Professor Quiz program, lasting a full assembly period. One fellow and one girl will be selected from each class to thrash it out to the finish. Ralph Gray will be Professor Quiz.

### TECHNICAL STAFF OF THREE CORNERED MOON

William Cove heads the stage committee for the play "The Three Cornered Moon" to be presented by the Dramatic Club on Thursday evening November 13. Assisting him will be Norman Pope, Bernard Collins, and Richard de Lesdernier.

Prop. and advertising committees are headed by Gemma and Edna Charrier respectively, and assisting them will be Kay Huot, Gladys Lavin, Frank Romano, John O'Neil, and Francis Vally. Dick Kelliher is the business chairman. He will be assisted by Eileen O'Neil, and Charles Hodgeman. The printing will be taken care of by John Labenski. Working with him will be Andrew O'Donnell, James Amsler and Edward Ruby.

### Press Conference

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of the STICK is acting president of the organization. G. Roger Pauze, former editor of the STICK, who has been called into the service was elected president of the organization at its last conference held at Framingham last spring. Jane Beers, news editor of the STICK, is corresponding secretary.

Richard Finn, former editor of the STICK, is general chairman of the conference committee. Other chairmen of the event are: Social, Frank Romano; Printing, Bert Hirtle; Banquet, John Hoyer; Dance, Eino Hakala.

### VIENNESE ARTIST SPEAKER AT ART CLUB

Thirty art supervisors, teachers and students met in Miss Conlon's room at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon for a five hour lecture-demonstration by Professor Emmy Zweybruck, noted Viennese designer, artist and teacher. This internationally known stencil artist is one of the most progressive and dynamic personalities in the field of art education today.

### DEBATERS LUNCHEON JEFF STEWERT SPEAKER

Jeff Stewart, radio announcer at station WEIM, was the guest at the first of a series of luncheon forums held by the Debating Club on Tuesday. Mr. Stewart who has a master's degree from the Yale School of the Drama and is a graduate of the N. B. C. Broadcasting School, spoke on "Training in Diction".

### Alumni Plans

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from each graduated class at Fitchburg, came from all parts of New England. They formulated plans for reconditioning the athletic field, financing alumni activities, the June reunion, and the professional and social needs of the alumni. They willingly accepted the challenge of college needs pledging to Dr. Herlihy their support for a new gym, and a scholarship fund.

In reply to the alumni request for more news of college activities and social events, Mr. Patch promised that an alumni issue of the STICK would be mailed to every alumnus after December first.